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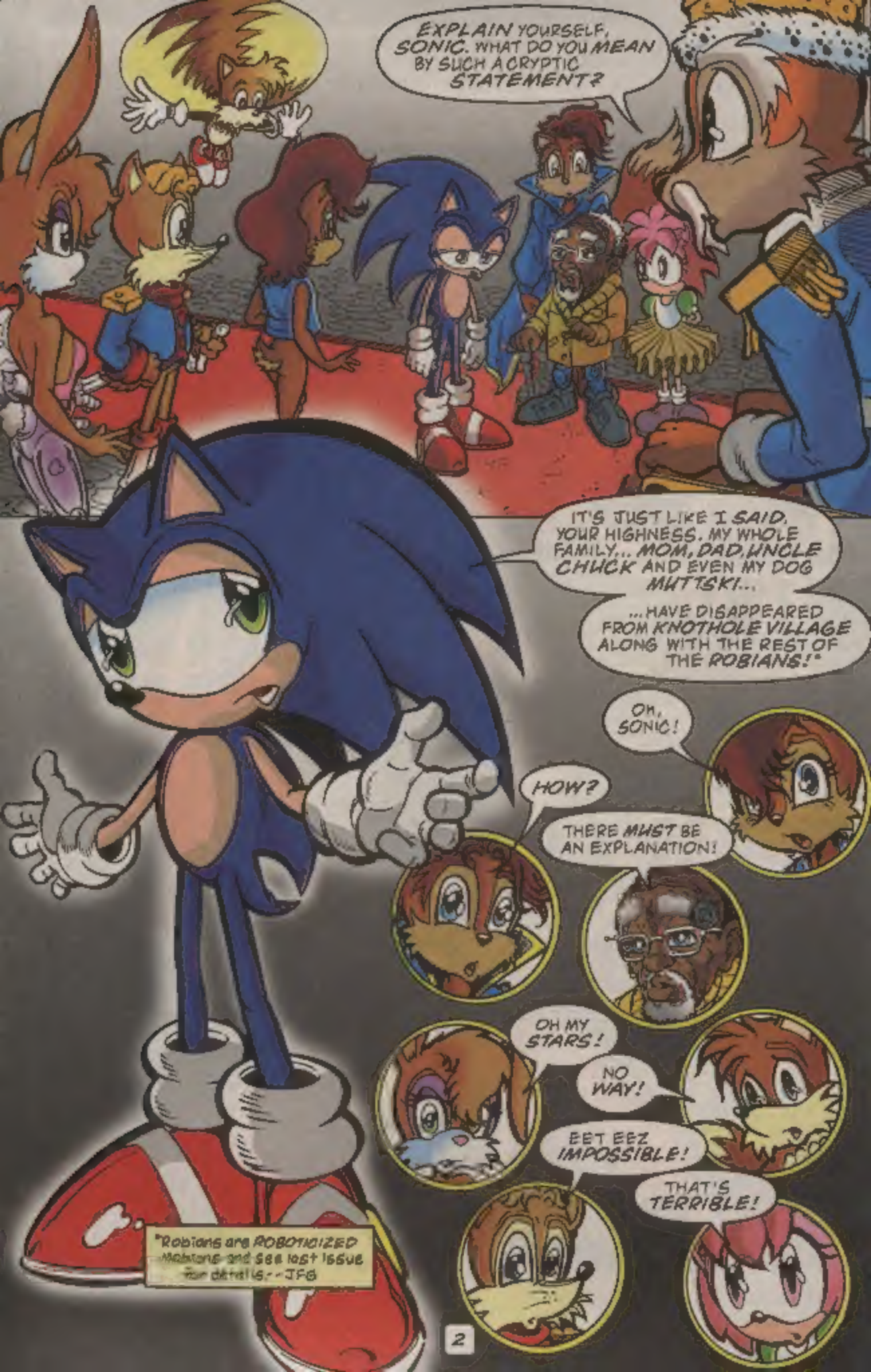

EXPLAIN YOURSELF, SONIC. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SUCH A CRYPTIC STATEMENT?
IT'S JUST LIKE I SAID, YOUR HIGHNESS. MY WHOLE FAMILY... MOM, DAD, UNCLE CHUCK AND EVEN MY DOG MUTTSKI...
...HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE ROBIANS!*
OH, SONIC!
HOW?
THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION!
OH MY STARS!
NO WAY!
EET EEZ IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
*Robians are ROBOTICIZED Mobians and see last issue for details.--JFG

WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE? A WHOLE VILLAGE CAN'T JUST UP AND VANISH ALL AT ONCE.

SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY WRONG!

SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG ALL RIGHT--IT'S THOSE CRUMMY SATELLITES. THAT'VE BEEN ORBITING MOBIUS FOR MONTHS NOW--*

--I BETCHA THEY'RE SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED!

*See recent issues of SONIC--JFG

WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH AND I DON'T INTEND TO SIT AROUND WAITING FOR THE NEXT DISASTER TO STRIKE!

PLEASE, SONIC... YOU MUST REMAIN CALM WHILE--

CALM?! CALM?!

I'VE BEEN REUNITED WITH MY FAMILY AFTER TEN YEARS. NOW THEY'RE SUDDENLY GONE AGAIN...

...AND YOU WANT ME TO KEEP CALM? I... I'M SORRY, SIRE...

...BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.

WHAT?!
I'M OUTTA HERE!
SONIC--I FORBID YOU TAKING ANY ACTION!
SALLY--
--TALK TO HIM, PLEASE.
SONIC! WAIT! TRY HEARING WHAT MY DAD HAS TO SAY!
GIMME ONE GOOD REASON WHY, PRINCESS!
HE'S OUR MONARCH, SONIC --YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO HIM!
NO, SAL...NOT NOW...
...MAYBE NEVER AGAIN.

A SHORT WHILE LATER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOBOTROPOLIS...

WELL, SO MUCH FOR... JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THOSE "DISASTERS" THAT WERE OCCURRING...

...WEREN'T NATURAL AT ALL! NOW I'VE GOTTA FIGURE OUT A WAY TO--

SONIC!

SAL-- WHY'D YOU GUYS BOTHER FOLLOWING ME?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP, SONIC, AND--

IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT TRYING TO TALK ME OUT OF WHATEVER BONEHEAD MOVE I'M GONNA PULL, IT WON'T--

WAITAMINNIT --YOU'RE GONNA HELP ME?

OF COURSE, SILLY--WE DON'T HAVE TO BE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO BE FRIENDS!

BUT HOW'RE WE GONNA INVESTIGATE THOSE SATELLITES?

PERHAPS I CAN ASSIST IN THAT DEPART-MENT! WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW ME!

WHAT ON MOBIUS IS IT?!
IT'S CALLED A SPACE SHUTTLE-- IT'S DESIGNED TO TRAVEL UP INTO ORBIT. ROTOR AND I STUMBLED ACROSS IT BEFORE HE LEFT!
ROBOTNIK HAD OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO EXPAND HIS REIGN TO THE STARS.
AH'M SHO GLAD HE DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE!
THE ENERGY LOCKED IN THESE POWER RINGS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU AT LEAST PART OF THE WAY TO THOSE SATELLITES...
...BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO RELY ON FOSSIL FUELS TO MAKE THE BALANCE OF THE JOURNEY.
NO, WE WON'T-- I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
PHWEEET
DID SOMEONE WHISTLE MY NAME?
I DID, DULCY! I SURE COULD USE A FAVOR FROM MY FAVORITE DRAGON!
I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HAND (OR A WING) TO YOU, SONIC!
THEN WE'RE SET! LISTEN, AMY-- I WANT YOU TO STICK AROUND MOBO WITH NATE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS!
THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO, SAL...NO REASON FOR YOUR DAD TO BE MAD--
I'M GOING, SONIC, AND THAT'S MY ROYAL DECREE-- YOU'VE ALREADY BROKEN ONE GIVEN BY FATHER, SO DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!

MINUTES LATER...

UGHH! THIS THING IS... SO HEAVY ...I CAN... BARELY... LIFT IT!

BUT... I'VE GOT TO! EVERYONE... IS COUNTING ON ME!

JUST... A LITTLE BIT... HIGHER... FURTHER... AND--

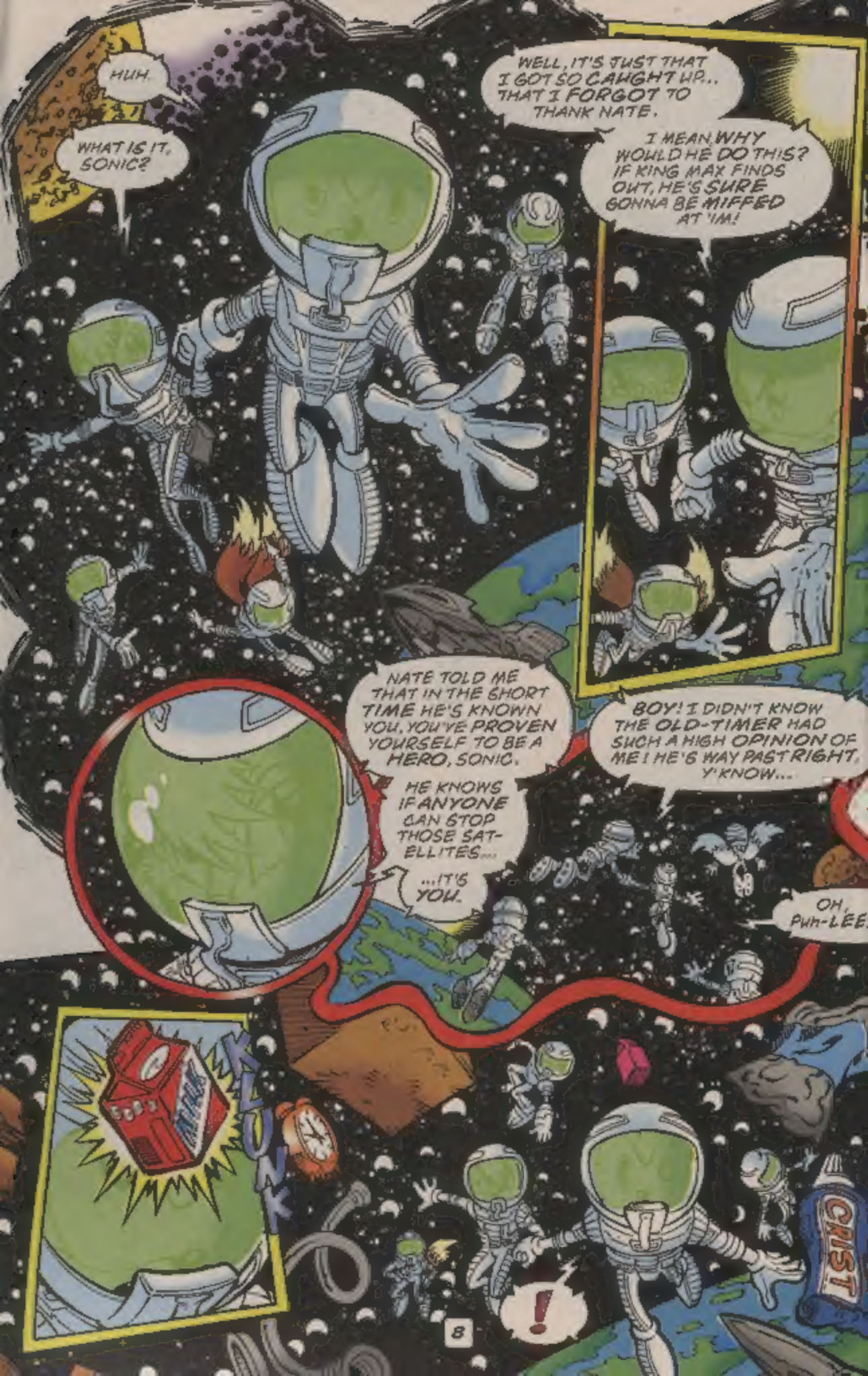
CHOOM

I DID IT! I DID IT!

THERE THEY GO!

GOOD LUCK, FREEDOM FIGHTERS. GOOD LUCK...

...MY FRIENDS!


HUH.
WHAT IS IT, SONIC?
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I GOT SO CAUGHT UP... THAT I FORGOT TO THANK NATE.
I MEAN, WHY WOULD HE DO THIS? IF KING MAX FINDS OUT, HE'S SURE GONNA BE MIFFED AT 'IM!
NATE TOLD ME THAT IN THE SHORT TIME HE'S KNOWN YOU, YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF TO BE A HERO, SONIC.
HE KNOWS IF ANYONE CAN STOP THOSE SAT-ELLITES...
...IT'S YOU.
BOY! I DIDN'T KNOW THE OLD-TIMER HAD SUCH A HIGH OPINION OF ME! HE'S WAY PAST RIGHT, Y'KNOW...
OH, PUH-LEE.
KLUNK
CRUST
!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!

NICOLE-- CAN YOU GIVE US A STATUS REPORT?

Yes, Princess--the EIGHT orbiting satellites have apparently JOINED together to form a SPACE-PLATFORM of some type.

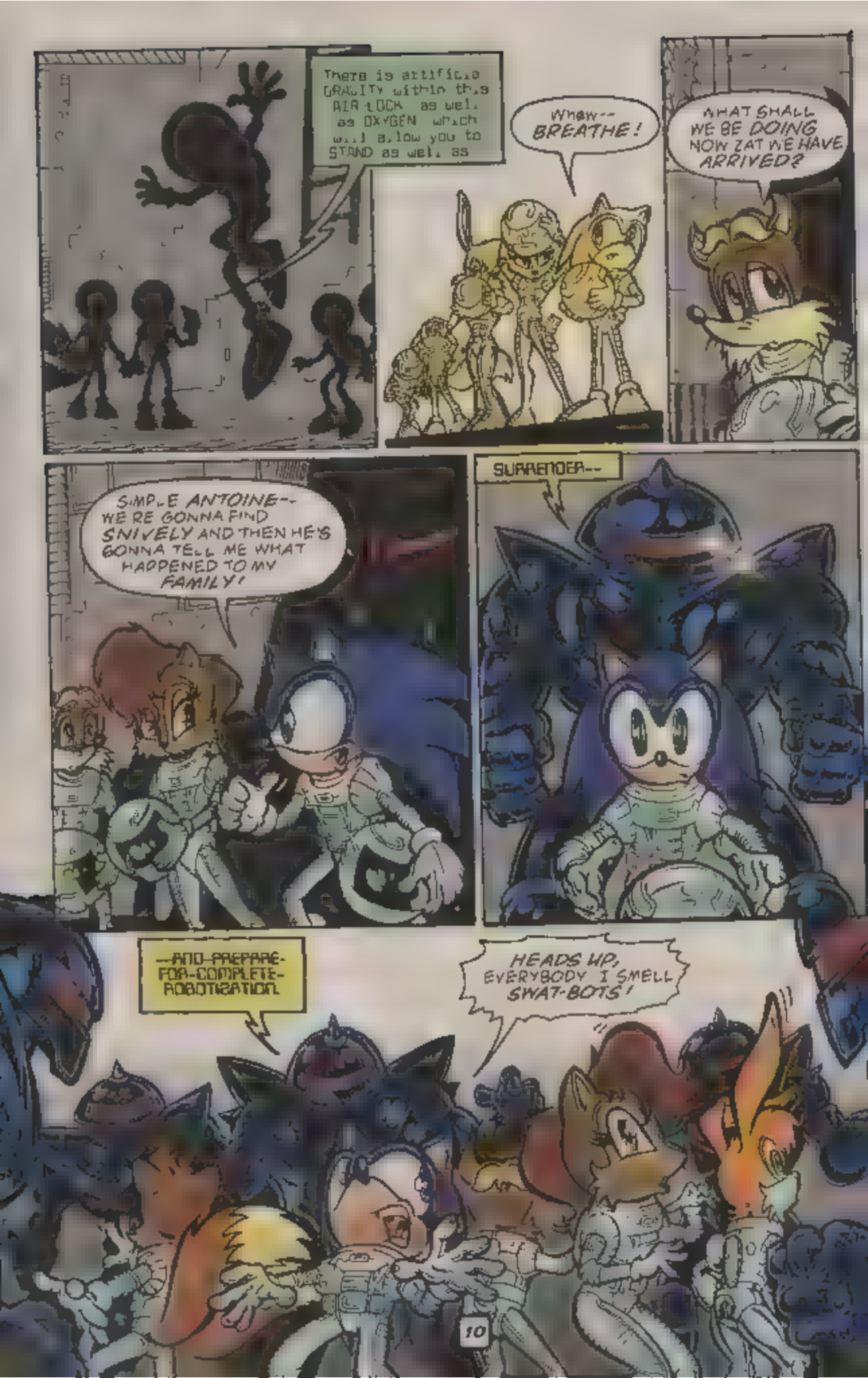
BUT WHAT'S WITH ALL OF THIS--Yech!-- TRASH?

The DEBRIS consists mainly of CHEMICAL WASTE and METAL DEBRIS. There will be a thirty-second WINDOW--

--during which you will be able to BOARD the platform through any of several waste disposal CHUTES along its hull.

A second LONGER and you run the risk of being EXPOSED to a chemical BATH that can corrode your SPACE-SUITS.

THEN WE'D BETTER JUICE!


There is artificial GRAVITY within this AIR-LOCK as well as OXYGEN which will allow you to STAND as well as
Whew-- BREATHE!
WHAT SHALL WE BE DOING NOW ZAT WE HAVE ARRIVED?
SIMPLE ANTOINE-- WE'RE GONNA FIND SNIVELY AND THEN HE'S GONNA TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FAMILY!
SURRENDER--
--AND--PREPARE-FOR--COMPLETE-ROBOTIZATION
HEADS UP, EVERYBODY I SMELL SWAT-BOTS!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT WE DO TO SWAT-BOTS, DON'T YOU?

KLOP

KER-CHOP

BZZZZZ

LIKE I HAD TO ASK?

ZEE MELEE--Wrowr I AM QUITE GLAD SHE EEZ OVER AS SOON AS SHE BEGAN.

THOOM THOOM THOOM

SURRENDER--

--AND PREPARE FOR COMPLETE ROBOTIZATION.

ENOUGH-- I THINK THEY KNOW THE DRILL

MORE BIGGER SWAT-BOTS?

DON'T YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

ROBOTNIKZ!

THAT'S DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TO YOU, HEDGEHOG.
AND WHILE I TRULY APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING TO CORRECT YOU TWICE WITHIN THE SPACE OF TEN SECONDS THESE AREN'T OUTDATED SWAT-BOTS EITHER!
THEY ARE THE SHADOW-BOTS DELTA AND GAMMA --MY PERSONAL VANGUARD!

THEY'RE TOAST AND SO ARE YOU IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY FAMILY AND THE OTHER ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS, PO BUTTNIK

COME NOW HEDGEHOG CAN'T YOU AT LEAST TAKE A MOMENT TO WELCOME ME BACK FROM THE DEAD? HOW RUDE!

DON'T YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU BETTER MANNERS?

WHY YOU LOUSY---!

SMAK

UGH!

AH'LL SHO YOU MANNERS!

WHUT'S UP DOC?

KLANK

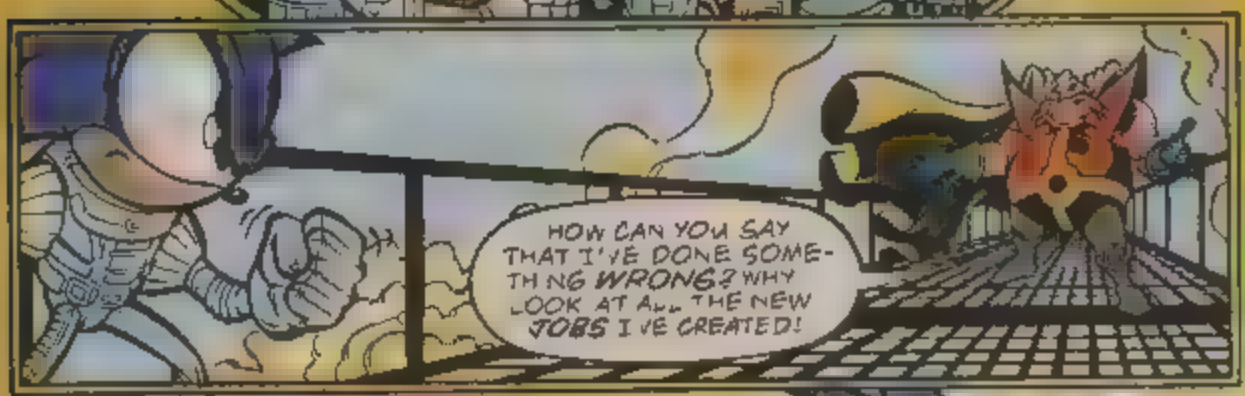
LONG TIME NO PUNCH!

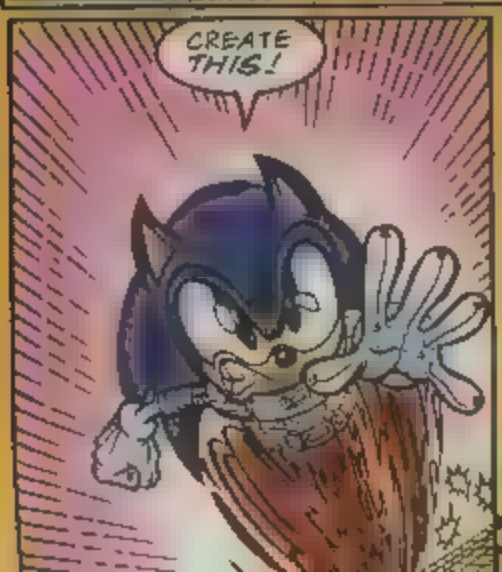
SONIC-- LOOK!

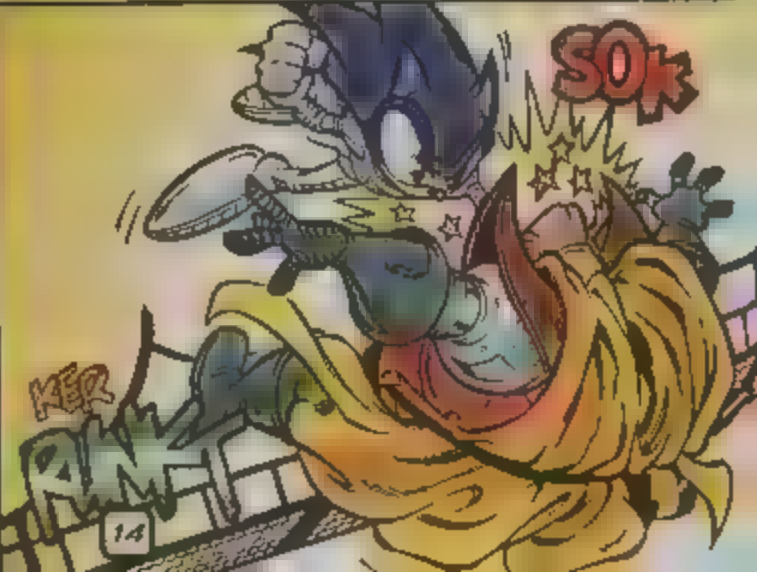
I SEE IT TAILS.

ALL OF THE MISSING ROBIANS- BEING FORCED TO WORK IN THIS SPED-UP, OUTER-SPACE SWEAT-SHOP!

FORCED? NO-- QUITE THE CONTRARY, SONIC I'VE MERELY RESTORED THEIR LACK OF FREE WILL--THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SAY IN THE MATTER!

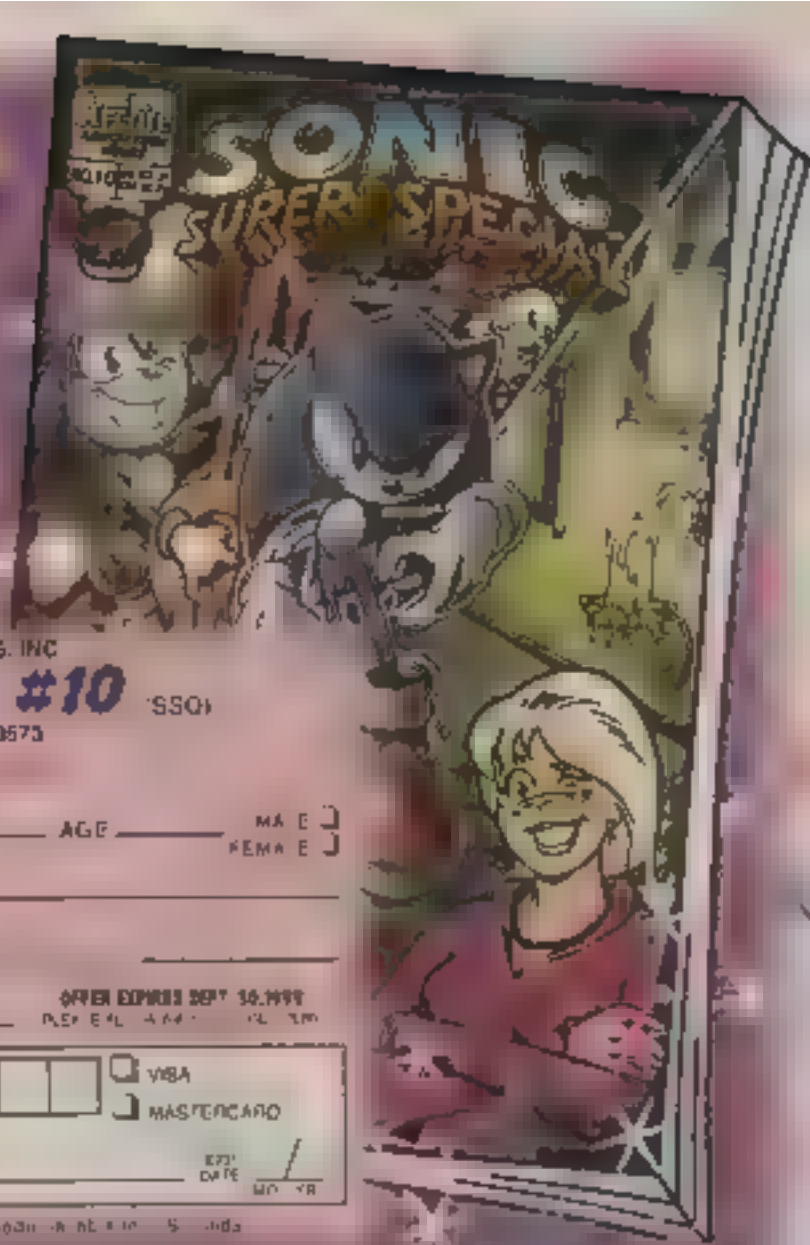






SONIC S REALLY LETT NG HIM HAVE IT AUNT SALLY!
I KNOW TAILS I VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO ENRAGED!
AH HAVE
I AS WELL! EET WAS WHEN HE BEL EVED YOU WERE DEAD, PREENZESS - AS A RESULT OF ZEE WICKED DOCTA R'S SCHEMES!"
"See SONIC # 50 and SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 6 -- JFG
" WE VE GOT TO DO SOMETH NG -- THEY RE ON THAT CONVEYOR BELT
" AND IT S HEADED RIGHT TOWARD THAT CORROS VE CHEM CAL SPRAY!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME THAT EAS LY-- eh?
!

SSSSSS
HOLY SMOKES!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. IT'S NOT ROBOTNIK! IT'S--IT'S--
NEXT ISSUE: SONIC #75,
OR AS WE LIKE TO REFER TO IT--
"THE BIG ONE!"



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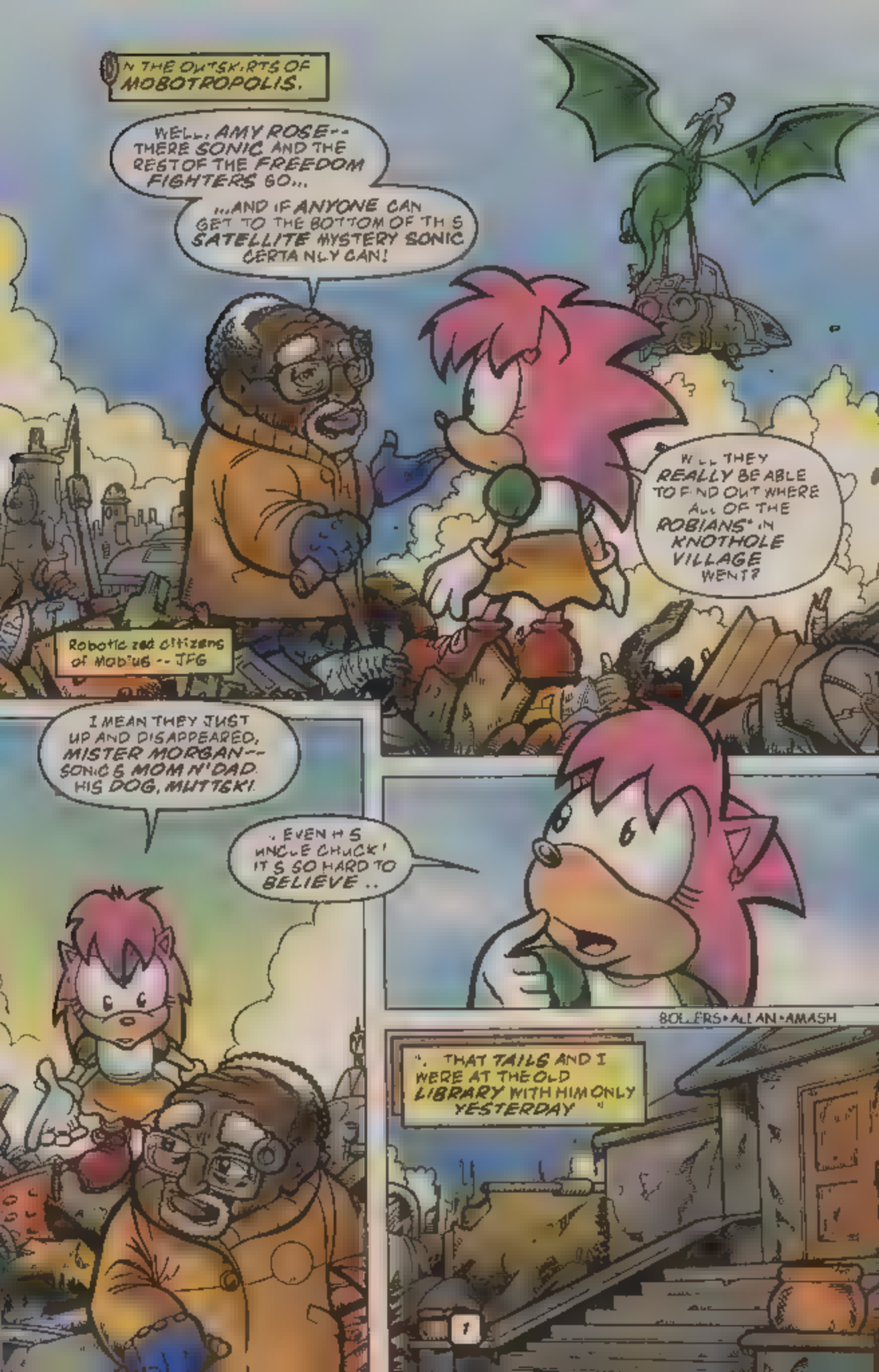
IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOBOTROPOLIS.
WELL, AMY ROSE-- THERE SONIC AND THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS GO...
...AND IF ANYONE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS SATELLITE MYSTERY SONIC CERTAINLY CAN!
WILL THEY REALLY BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE ALL OF THE ROBIANS* IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WENT?
Robotic zed citizens of Mobius -- JFG
I MEAN THEY JUST UP AND DISAPPEARED, MISTER MORGAN-- SONIC & MOM N' DAD HIS DOG, MUTTSKI.
...EVEN HIS UNCLE CHUCK! IT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE...
BOLLERS • ALLAN • AMASH
"...THAT TAILS AND I WERE AT THE OLD LIBRARY WITH HIM ONLY YESTERDAY..."
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TALES OF THE GREAT WAR PART III

ENTER... ROBOTNIK

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OF ALL THE ACTIONS I REGRET MOST, IT'S SAVING ROBOTNIK FROM HIS OWN KIND THAT HAUNTS ME ABOVE ALL OTHERS!

I'D STILL SAVE HIS MISERABLE NECK!

AND YET EVEN IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW--

YOU WOULD?!

OF COURSE! I CONSIDER ALL LIFE TO BE SACRED!

JUST BECAUSE MY ENEMIES LACK CHARACTER-

--IS NOT EXCUSE ENOUGH FOR ME TO STOOP TO THEIR LEVEL.

NOT EVEN FOR THE GREATER GOOD UNCLE CHUCK?

I'D LIKE TO THINK SO!

I TEND TO BELIEVE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONE'S ACTIONS ARE IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE CHOICES ONE MAKES!

"CONSIDER MY CHOICE OF SAVING ROBOTNIK. WHAT RATIONALE WAS THERE FOR ME TO AID SOMEONE WHOSE PEOPLE WAS RAGING WAR AGAINST OUR KINGDOM?

THIS GOES AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT CONSIDERING WHAT HIS KIND HAVE DONE!

WELL WE'RE NOT HIS KIND

BESIDES HE MAY BE JUST WHAT WE NEED TO WIN THE WAR

AS FOR KING ACORN, HIS CONSCIENCE WAS MORE THAN LIKELY GOVERNED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO NATE MORGAN..."

SIRE, I MUST PROTEST!

WHAT POSSIBLE REASON COULD YOU HAVE TO ALLOW JULIAN TO EVEN FIGHT AT OUR SIDE?

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, GENERAL DOOLETTE. HOWEVER

I MADE AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT WITH REGARDS TO NATE MORGAN!

I SHAN'T DO THAT WITH JULIAN!

AS YOU COMMAND, MY LIEGE!

*SEE SONIC #65 for the full story on Nate JFG

I JUST HOPE IT'S NOT AMONG THE LAST YOU GIVE

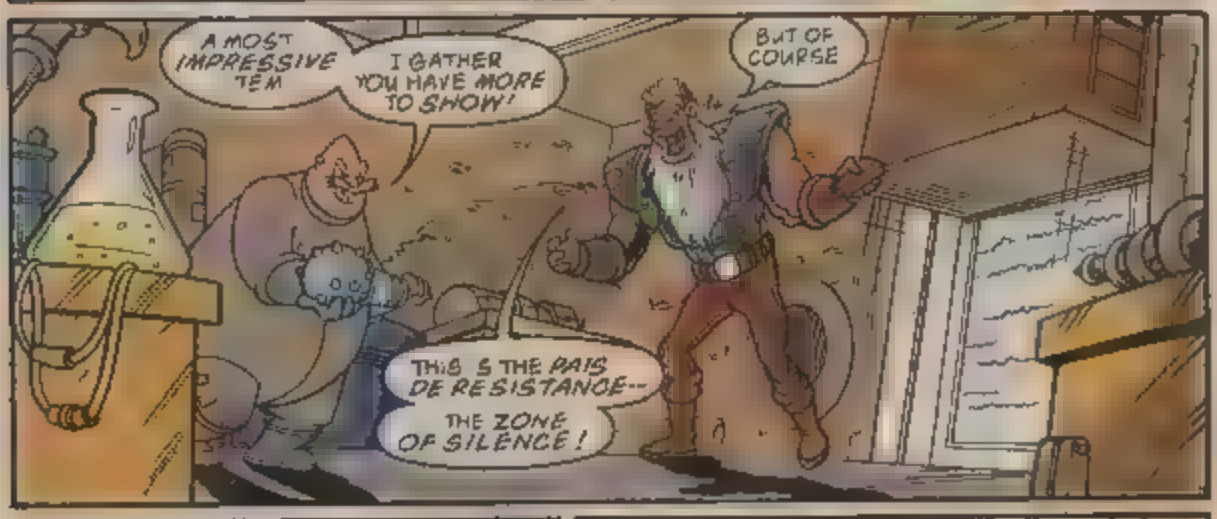
THAT'S HOW ROBOTNIK SNOOKERED HIS WAY INTO THE FOLD?

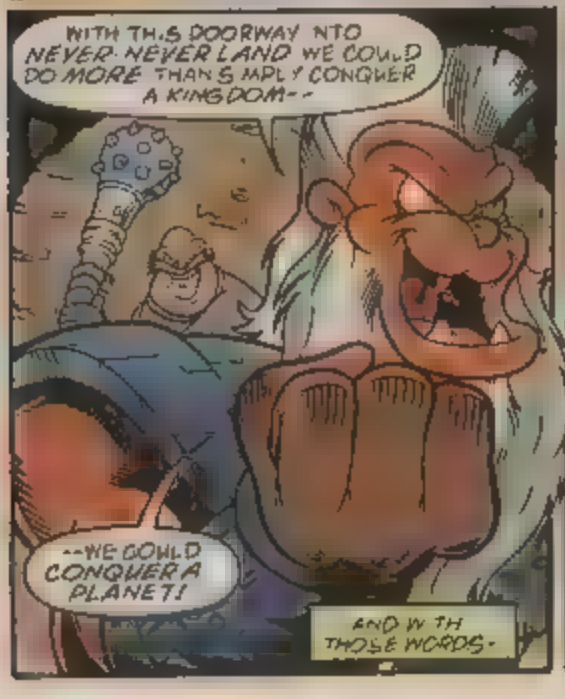
SO THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

FOR MONTHS WE ALL BOUGHT ROBOTNIK'S ACT, SOME MORE SO THAN OTHERS
"THE BIGGEST SURPRISE HOWEVER WAS WARLORD KODOS WHO DIDN'T TRUST ANYONE
COME IN JULIAN
I THINK IT'S TIME WE HAD A TALK ABOUT SOMETHING OTHER THAN OVERLANDER TACTICS
WHATEVER COULD I SAY THAT WOULD INTEREST THE EARS OF THE WARLORD?
I'M A SCIENTIST NOT A WARRIOR!
YOU'RE A SHREWD ONE JULIAN!
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR SOME TIME NOW.
-AND I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU AND I COULD MAKE A FORMIDABLE TEAM
WHAT USE HAVE YOU FOR A TEAM WHEN YOU COMMAND AN ARMY?
FOLLOW ME
ALL WILL BE EXPLAINED VERY SHORTLY
"THE IRONIC PART WAS KODOS BELIEVING HE WAS RECRUITING A DISCIPLE--

-WHEN IN REALITY KODOS WAS UNKNOWINGLY SETTING HIMSELF UP FOR THE KILL!
THIS SANCTUM IS WHERE THE FORMER MAGICIAN IXIS NAUGUS DEVELOPED SOME VERY PROMISING DEVICES

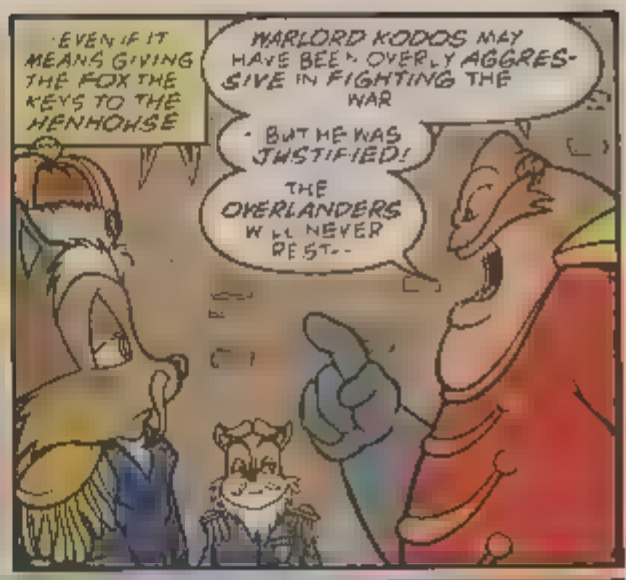
SUCH AS THIS ONE -
AN ATOMIC MACE!
QUITE THE REMEDY FOR A HEADACHE, EH?

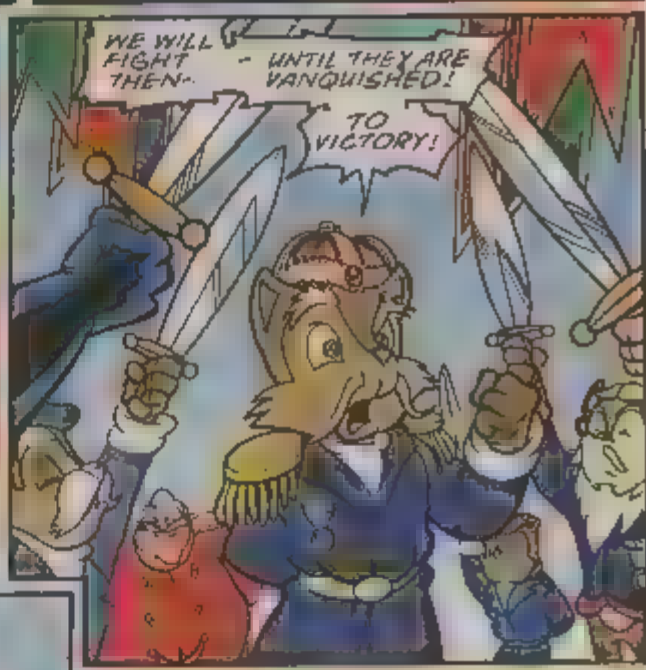

A MOST IMPRESSIVE TEM
I GATHER YOU HAVE MORE TO SHOW!
BUT OF COURSE
THIS IS THE PAIS DE RESISTANCE--
THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

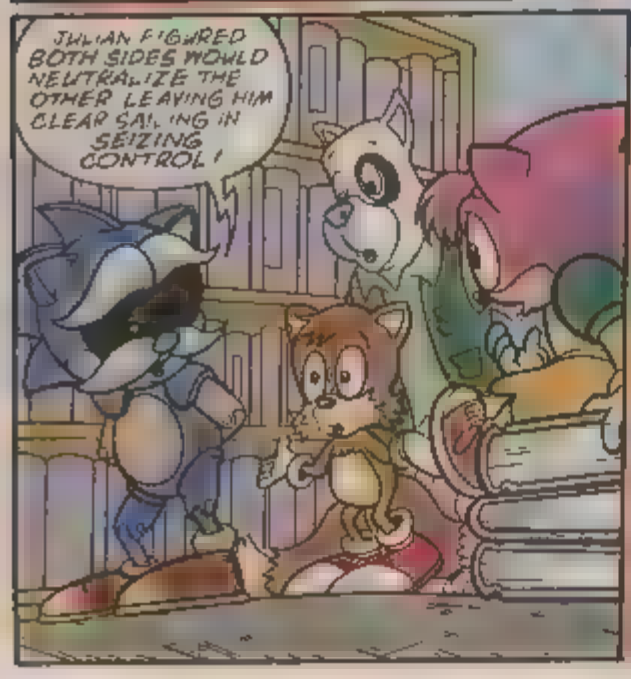

WITH THIS DOORWAY INTO NEVER-NEVER LAND WE COULD DO MORE THAN SIMPLY CONQUER A KINGDOM--
--WE COULD CONQUER A PLANET!
AND WITH THOSE WORDS-

KODOS FATE WAS SEALED!

YOU CRETINOUS IDIOT!
YOU THINK I WOULD SERVE A FOOL SUCH AS YOU?
-I'M CERTAIN EVERYONE WILL FIND YOU TE BEL EVABLE THAT YOU TAMPERED WITH SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND!
WITH YOU ELIMINATED THERE WOULD BE NONE TO STAND N MY WAY OF TAK NG YOUR PLACE
AS FOR EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED-
AND I SIMPLY GOT THE BETTER OF YOU
ENJOY YOUR NEW HOME, KODOS!
YOU'LL HAVE AN ETERNITY TO GET USED TO IT!
I SHOULD VE KNOWN KODOS' EXCESSES WOULD'VE BEEN THE DEATH OF HIM!
I VE LET THINGS GET AWAY OUT OF HAND!
TELL ME JULIAN -
I HATE TO SAY I BUT JULIAN WAS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYONE BE- L EVING H S STORY, THOUGH NOT FOR THE REASONS HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD







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"TALES OF THE GREAT WAR" RETURNS WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #76

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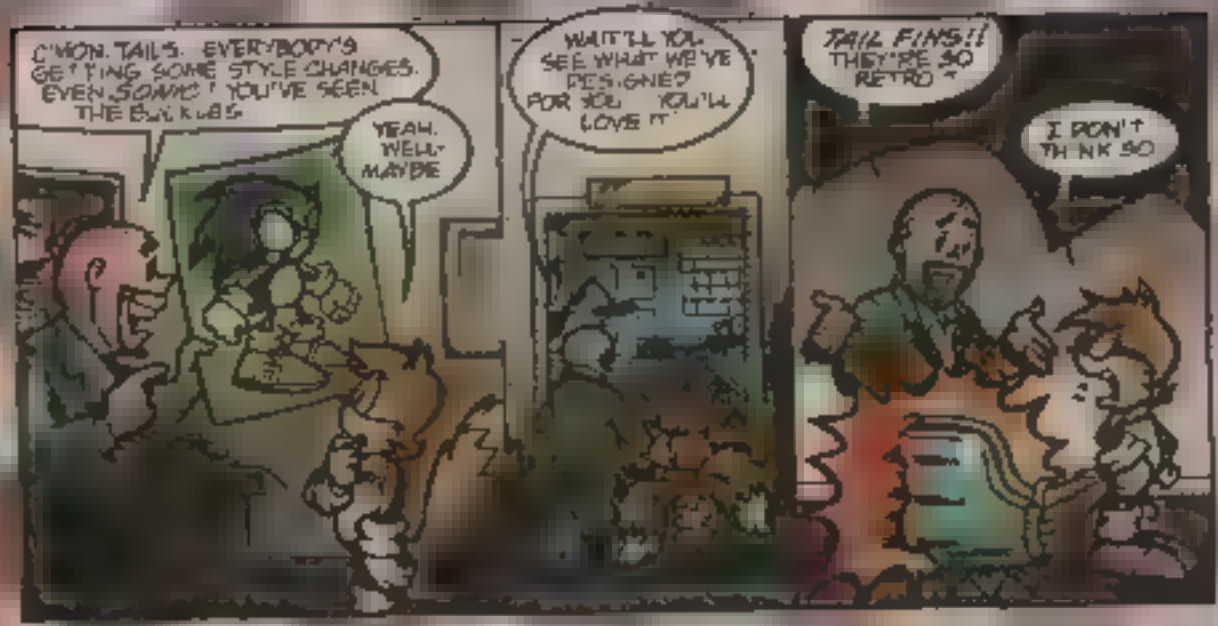

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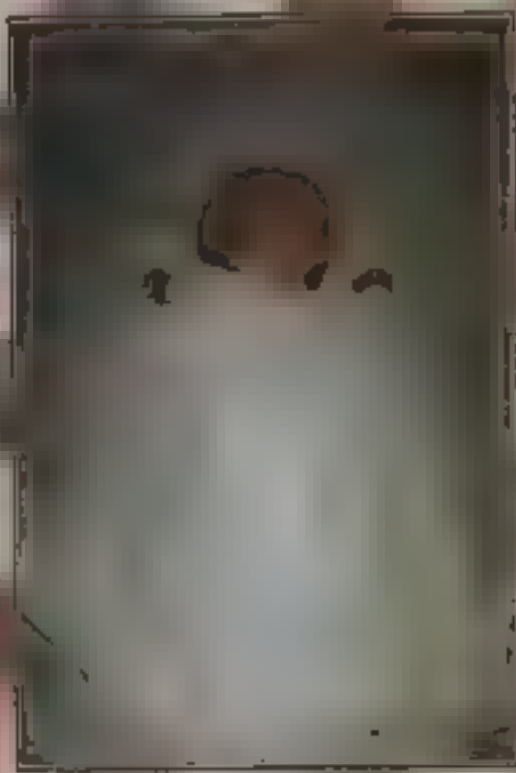
STILL LEFT ILL?



Hey, Sonic fans! We should take this opportunity to congratulate Steven and Christy Butler for the birth of their baby girl, Lily Ann Butler. She was born on March 6, 1999. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

With that said, I'd like to bring a spotlight on SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10: "Crossover Chaos" on sale in two weeks: 1) From a story that begins in Sabrina The Teenage Witch #28 (on sale now), "Sonic has been mind-controlled by a powerful witch known as Enchantra. With revenge in mind, she plucks Sonic out of his world and drops him into Sabrina's town of Westbridge to wreak unspeakable havoc. But don't fret. Princess Sally follows him through the portal to team up with Sabrina and try to reverse the harm. Or is it too late? Story by Michael Gallagher with art by Dave Manak and Dan DeCarlo. 2) Evil Sonic is on the loose again as he collects all the pieces of Giant Borg (last seen way back in SONIC #19 "Night of 1000 Hedgehogs"), from different dimensional Sonics. Our Sonic heads him off at the past in an alternate zone where he teams up with the characters from SONIC UNDERGROUND (Based on the cartoon syndication — See local listings this fall!). Story by Karl Bollero with art by Jim Valentino and Harvey.

As mentioned in a previous column, there is a new Sonic & Knuckles strip that is currently seeing print in Comic Shop News (CSN), a free weekly fanzine. For those who cannot find CSN, don't fret — we will be reprinting those stories in the pages of a future SONIC SUPER SPECIAL! More on this later!

So until next time...

Catch you on the flip side!

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Sonic #69-70

Dear Sonic-Grams,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #69 was extremely well-colored. There's credit where it's due. But, I have a question: What do Snively and his gang want with Nate Morgan?

Devin Sewell
Arverne, NY

They wanted Nate to build them a power ring forge.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Yo! Yeah, you wanted to stay, [illegible] I'm a completely love [illegible] "Sonic series" [illegible] I just finished [illegible] #69, and it was [illegible] It left me [illegible] edge of my [illegible] is the title "Over[illegible] a different [illegible] human?

Becky
becky@[illegible]

Yes, except that you've noticed, these humans have four fingers instead of five.

Yo, Way-[illegible] (a.k.a. Son[illegible]

[illegible] liked the [illegible] #69. I [illegible] questions to ask: 1) Wh[illegible] Overlanders [illegible] from? I thought [illegible] & Snively were [illegible] of their kind. 2) When will [illegible] Interstate [illegible] again? and 3) Don't you think Sally's long-lost brother is acting strange?

P.S. Say hi to Bunny too.
See Ya!
From Sandy

1) The disappearance of the Overlanders is still a mystery (as shown in SONIC #72) but those we've seen are obviously some left behind. 2) Ask Zonic the Zone Cop. 3) You think?

Dear Sonic,

I think you are the coolest! You are my favorite guy in the world (including Mobius). I have some questions to ask: 1) Where did the Sonic the Hedgehog TV show go? 2) Is Robotnik still alive? I think his hand was pictured in issue #70 on page 13? and 3) How can I become a Freedom Fighter?

From #1 of your #1 fans,
Jeff "Hedgehog" Hill
Hedgehog101@aol.com

1) Check out the new cartoon "Sonic Underground" out this Fall (check local listings). 2) Your answer is in the next issue. 3) Just by reading our book month in and month out makes you an honorary Freedom Fighter.

Hi, [illegible] Co.,

[illegible] guys are doing a great job with the book. I would like to see more of the fan [illegible] Spaz/Harvey have been [illegible] best jobs I have seen with comics. Sally is a great character. I've never seen [illegible] that way). I [illegible] you'd do just [illegible] full book [illegible]

[illegible]@aol.

Spaz/Harvey may surprise you sooner than you think.

Dear Editor,

I love Sonic. I just finished reading SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #70!!! I have a few questions and suggestions. Here they are: 1) How does Sonic stand the heat from the friction? 2) Are there any plans for #100? 3) When are we going to see more Lupe and the Wolfpack? We need more Knuckles and more Tales of the Freedom Fighters!!! Lastly, great coloring and penciling in issue #70, especially the cover.

Bailey Johnson (age 11)
leslielocketz@juno.com

Thanks for your letter, Bailey. To answer your questions: 1) His body is already adapted to withstand the heat from the friction. The only thing that didn't were his shoes. That is until Uncle Chuck created special sneakers from power rings that wouldn't burn up. 2) Yes. 3) Check them out in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11. Penciliers Steven Butler and Patrick Spaziante, as well as colorists Frank Gagliardo and Josh D. Ray thank you for your compliment.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember:

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spaziante and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

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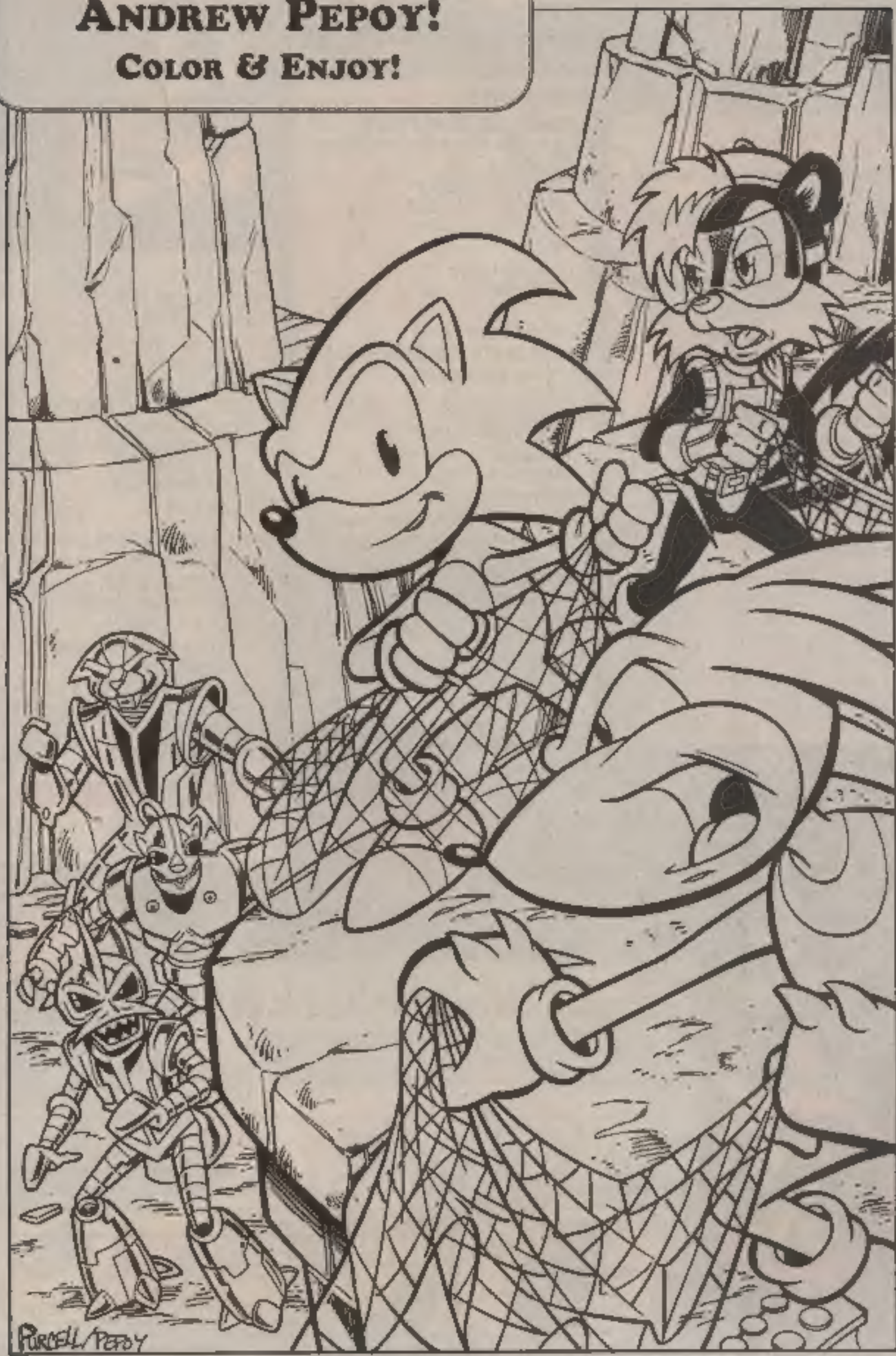

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